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P. S. That snowstorm arrived—finally.

Washington is watching Berlin, and Berlin is watching Washington. Neither really likes to make the move.

Two weeks to March meetin' in Vermont. The voters in the rural districts may be compelled to travel by boat; but there will be no submarines in the way.

It is possible that the steel nets placed at the entrance to various American harbors will have a tendency to lock in the interned vessels of the central powers.

Col. E. H. R. Green related many oddities about the life of his mother, the late Hetty Green, but he regarded it as very natural that she should have desired to reside in Bellows Falls. If Vermont had an inheritance tax law like New York's it would not be very odd either—for the state.

Snowshoers who climbed to the top of Killington peak on Feb. 18 found the snow 40 inches deep. It is to be presumed that the mountains further north in Vermont have fully as much snow. Which indicates that Vermont is going to have a thorough spring cleaning when the sun gets in its work.

By asserting that James W. Gerard is telling the entente allies something about the conditions in Germany, a German newspaper admits that there really is something which it would like to have kept away from its enemies. Perhaps the reluctance of the Berlin government to let Gerard go is thereby explained, only Germany came to its senses and realized that it would have to make amends some time.

The spirit back of the petition of Phillips Andover students to the faculty to be permitted to substitute military training for spring athletics is to be commended; and it will do a great deal of good if the several hundred boys in the school are put through a course of that sort. The training will be excellent for their physical, their mental and their moral development; and, besides, it will tend to fit them for service to the nation in time of the nation's great need.

With a bonded indebtedness of \$119,000 coming due during the next 17 years, the town of Brattleboro ought to take steps at once to provide a sinking fund. If it had not been for Brattleboro's good municipal credit, the town never would have been able to float advantageously so many bonds without a sinking fund to back them up. As the Brattleboro Reformer points out, the town is in a bad way without a means to retire the bonds as they come due.

Announcement from Germany that it has been decided by the German government to cease the Zeppelin raids on England because the raids have proven to be unprofitable probably means that Germany is getting ready to make another big air raid and hopes to throw England off its guard. Germany may be depended upon to do just about the opposite that it says it will do, having permitted the word to go forth through some agency which can be discredited at the convenience of the government. It follows out the policy of the kaiser who has run amuck.

The voters of St. Albans are so well pleased with the elimination of political party divisions in their municipal elections that they have again formed a union Republican and Democratic ticket under the leadership of John E. Maun for mayor once more. It took St. Albans a long time to find out that a man's capacity to be town clerk or fence viewer was not gauged by the color of his national party allegiance, but, once learned, the lesson is likely to make a permanent impression. There is no sense in holding a municipal or town election in any Vermont community along the lines of national party division. The St. Albans method, tried out so successfully by many other municipalities and towns, is the only sensible way to proceed.

## SELF-COMPLACENT AMERICA.

We wonder if the American professors who went to German universities as teachers were permitted to spread their Americanism broadcast through Germany to the discomfiture of the Berlin government. We wonder if they were not held strictly to their task of teaching the subjects which they were called upon to teach. We wonder if the Berlin government would have permitted for one minute the use of the newspaper or the lecture platform as a means toward stirring up sympathy for the United States in Germany when affairs of Germany were in a decidedly unsettled state owing to an international maelstrom. We wonder if Americans attempting such a course would not have been given their walking tickets at once, if nothing worse. We wonder if we Americans are not entirely too easy-going and complacent in our methods of handling matters of extreme gravity. We wonder if it is not time that we were hauling up the slack, so to

speak, and living a somewhat more cautious national existence instead of meeting all-comers with child-like simplicity. Too much freedom from trouble has made us incautious.

## YAPPING AND YOWLING AGAIN.

The charge publicly made by Representative Moore of Texas that 25 American newspapers have been subsidized by English money to get the United States into war with Germany ought to be investigated at once. For our part, we do not believe there is an iota of truth in the charge brought by the man from Texas, but we believe that the good name of the newspaper profession demands that a searching investigation be made. Such a serious indictment ought not to be allowed to stand without being challenged. It is time to stop this sporadic yapping and yowling about the venality of the press. Every small-brain who fancies he has a grievance against a newspaper immediately vents his spleen with the declaration that the American newspapers have no principles, no patriotism, no pride. Every time a newspaper opposes the views of Mr. Small-brain he jumps to the conclusion that the other side has bought up the newspaper and then he collects the newspapers in one mass, as it were, and hurls them into a detestable oblivion. It is his right, so he thinks. So he indulges his right to his little heart's content. Yet the newspapers manage to come back from that oblivion and live down the odium cast upon them by Mr. Small-brain because they are generally founded on as decent citizenship as the best of the institutions of the country, having as high ideals, as deep patriotism and as clean-cut honesty as may be found in any other line of work. But at the same time it is very annoying to have this yapping and yowling going on, and it is time that Mr. Small-brain et al were placed where they belong.

## CURRENT COMMENT

## Free Seas.

Germany, according to her spokesmen, fights for the freedom of the seas. To that end her submarine ruthlessness is directed; tyrant Britain must be humbled.

Consequently the American Philadelphia, bound from England for the United States, under a neutral flag, of a line that has carried no contraband since the war began, her company and passengers non-combatants, had to sneak out of port as a criminal sneaks from his hiding place, lest the benevolent agents of Teutonic liberty purveyors see and sink her without warning, visit or search, and send to the bottom to join the Lusitania babies a few hundred more unarmed and innocent travelers.

Consequently, too, other ships of the same line are tied to their piers in their hauling port, their mail contracts unfilled, their legitimate and harmless sailings cancelled, and this as an incidental contribution to the freedom of the seas. Teutonically freed seas? The kaiser-bund has already freed them of law, and free death is the portion decreed for those who before never knew they were bowed beneath a yoke of British make.—New York Sun.

## Training for War and for Work.

The "dollar-for-dollar" vocational training bill now goes to the president for his signature. It would be well if this important measure could be sent back to Congress for changes which would make it fit into a large scheme of national preparedness. As it stands, the bill merely appropriates money, to the extent of \$28,000,000, to encourage vocational training in the several states, in proportion to what they expend from state funds. But there is reason to think that the United States government might advantageously adopt a broader policy, and combine military and vocational training.

It is reported from Washington that President Wilson, after a careful study of the situation, has decided that some system of general military training is necessary. Secretary Baker is for the voluntary principle if enough recruits can be found. If the response is inadequate a change of system will be a matter not of choice, but of necessity. The president, however, is fearful of any system which in the course of time would tend to give the country a military spirit and to transform its character as the Prussian military system has transformed Germany in half a century. It is understood that the administration, in fact, is working at a project for a system which will combine in a way which will give the nation a sufficient army reserve, and at the same time promote industrial efficiency and help to solve other problems.

There are large possibilities in this direction. America ought to work out its own military as well as its own educational system, borrowing ideas from abroad, but adapting them to our own national conditions. Even if the emergency call for special measures, it should be with the understanding that they are but temporary; neither compulsion nor the raising of a large volunteer army need commit the nation permanently. In the same way, if the present conditions are unfavorable for a large experiment training, the present vocational bill might be so modified as to serve its purpose temporarily and open a way later for the proposed combination.

It is no longer possible to draw a sharp dividing line between military training and vocational training. War is no longer a matter which concerns soldiers alone, and even the soldiers need a much more extensive technical training than formerly, of a kind which can be turned to account in civil life. Young men passing through a three-year course, part vocational, part military, with three summers in camp, would be better trained either for war or for peace than the recruits with six months' training contemplated in the Senate bill for universal compulsory military training. Such a combination may offer the ideal solution in the long run, of the two problems of defense and of vocational training with wholesome but not militarizing discipline. It would be well if the present vocational educational bill, without undue delay, could be given a slant in that direction.—Springfield Republican.



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## TALK OF THE TOWN

See the bargain annex at Fitts'. Beautiful spring goods in Abbott's windows.

Rev. J. W. Barnett of Walnut street returned this morning from a trip to Boston.

Keep in mind the supper by the men of the Presbyterian church. Saturday, March 3, is the date to remember.—adv.

A regular meeting of the ladies' auxiliary to the Presbyterian church will be held Feb. 20 at 7:15 p. m. Business of importance. Mrs. C. W. Papin returned to her home in Burlington last night, after spending a few days as a guest of Mrs. Stella Laviolette.

All merchants' association stores will be open until 9 o'clock on Wednesday evening and closed all day Thursday, Feb. 22, Washington's birthday.

You will regret it unless you hear George Hasseltine in "The Sunny Side of the Road," at Congregational church to-night.—adv.

Mrs. John T. Callaghan of North Main street was among the Barre people who went to Roxbury yesterday to attend the funeral of George A. Tilden.

Tyler Thomson of Burlington was in town Saturday for a short visit, leaving later for St. John, N. B., where he was called by the serious illness of his mother.

Kenneth McCrae of Merchant street, who has been absent on a week's business visit in New York in the interests of the Union Dry Goods store, returned to Barre to-day.

The officers and members of Ruth chapter, No. 33, O. E. S., are requested to meet at the Masonic hall Wednesday, Feb. 21, at 1 o'clock p. m., to attend the funeral of our late sister, Gertrude B. Wetmore.

Regular meeting of Harmon review, No. 1, will be held in K. of P. hall on Wednesday evening, Feb. 21, at 7:30. Initiation. Guards please wear uniform. Refreshments of "Ring Dumm Diddle" will be served.

The regular meeting of the ladies' union of the Presbyterian church will be held Wednesday evening, Feb. 21, at 7:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. James Johnson, 17 Highland avenue. A good attendance is requested.

"Bench and Bar" indicates the subject matter of an attractively framed group picture which is shown in the north display window at the furniture store of A. W. Badger & Co. The picture, the property of E. L. Scott, contains a photograph of practically every judge and lawyer in Vermont.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Milne, who were married in Barre a week ago, returned last evening from a visit of several days in Boston. They are to reside at 33 Liberty street, and Mr. Milne will resume his duties as a clerk in the office of the Lane Manufacturing Co. at Montpelier.

Fred L. Page has just received word from Florida that another lot of nice, ripe, juicy grapefruit, direct from the trees, is on the way, shipped before the frost. If those who are expecting a crate, or half crate, and have not already done so, will telephone 324-3 at once, will furnish while they last. They should be here this week.—adv.

## GRANITEVILLE.

The South Barre grange will have a dance at grange hall Wednesday night, Feb. 21. Riley's orchestra. Refreshments.

## GRANITEVILLE

Bishop-Rabittail Wedding at St. Sylvester's Church.

At 8 o'clock yesterday morning at St. Sylvester's church, Miss Gladys Rabittail, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Rabittail, was united in marriage to Louis Bishop, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bishop. The couple was attended by Edward Ross and Miss Emma Bishop, sister of the groom. The bride wore a dark blue tulle dress, blue cloth coat and white hat and the bridesmaid was dressed in royal blue tulle dress and wore a white hat. A reception for very intimate friends and relatives was held last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bishop.

Mrs. Francis Whittemore left Saturday for Worcester, Mass., where she will make her home. Mr. Whittemore has been employed there for some time. She was accompanied by Elliott Pirie, who has employment there.

Miss Winona Sanborn has been visiting relatives in Topsnam.

Mrs. Anna Carey has returned from Berlin, N. H., where she visited relatives.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Eli Earl of Schenectady, N. Y., Feb. 16. Mr. Earl is the son of William Earl of this place.

Miss Ella Owens spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Miles.

George Earle spent the week-end in North Calais.

Miss Gladys Carr of South Barre was the guest of Miss Mae Melver Saturday.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Murphy Friday, Feb. 16.

Mrs. Norman Murray has gone to Littleton, N. H., to visit Mrs. Charles Gale.

## MONTPELIER

The body of Mrs. Hannah D. Glysson, widow of Andrew J. Glysson, was brought here Monday from Roxham, P. V., where she died Sunday at the age of 73 years. The funeral took place this morning at 10 o'clock at the home of the late Mrs. Glysson, where she had lived for 25 years. She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Kingsbury, of Fayston.

Dr. Milo B. Hillegas, state commissioner of education, addressed the men's forum at Bethany church Sunday on "The School's Part in the Education of the Youth." Next Sunday Senator C. H. Dutton of Poulin will be the speaker and his subject, "The Educational Value of the Moving Picture Machine."

The funeral of the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merton Martin, who died yesterday at Heaton hospital, was held this morning, with burial in Green Mount cemetery.

After a hearing yesterday morning in regard to staking out a street extending off Barre street to connect with several homes, Commissioners Charles C. Graves of Waterbury, Fred Fuller of Northfield and N. D. Phelps of Barre decided that such a street was necessary, and preliminary work was at once begun.

The condition of Senator H. E. Eddy of Brattleboro, who is ill with scarlet fever, is considered critical because it is complicated with a heart and kidney trouble. Mrs. Eddy, who came to care for her husband, is quarantined with him. Her husband, who is only 34 years old, is the youngest member of the Senate. He has had scarlet fever once before, but his physicians agree that he now has another attack of the disease.

## MABEL SYRUP'S COLYUM

"To have a lively and not a stolid countenance."  
 Truth of Intercourse.

Listen for the lilt of the strain of the wintery song sparrow on the first mild day!

Locally, new impetus is given the movement widely advocated by public men for the setting forward of clocks one hour during the summer months. Five-dollar-a-day stonecutters, with few exceptions, are said to be a unit in favoring the idea. The theory upon which arguments are based is that people in the granite industry do not regulate their habits by the sun, but by the arbitrary time of clocks and watches and stonemason whistles. Therefore, they are behind a movement to call what has been 6 o'clock 7 o'clock, a change which would start everyone's day an hour earlier.

Once effective, the change would witness a complete cessation of work at 3 p. m., instead of 4 o'clock. The added hours of daylight would permit the granite worker, with his plethoric pocket-book, to burn more gasoline in his motor car, to spend more time on the golf links, and to devote more time to his family, especially in the cases of the lingering few who have equipped themselves neither with autos nor golf clubs.

Daylight saving advocates here in Barre have not met in caucus yet, but the idea is finding favor, and no one need be surprised if the opening of the pussy willow and the first twilight sonata of the frog find its devotees aligning themselves strongly in favor of the plan. Hereabouts, the idea is a new one, and probably will be regarded as outside practicality, but the system has been largely adopted throughout Europe since the beginning of the great war, and it is said that millions of dollars now wasted in artificial illumination are being saved through the operation of the plan.

All up for charter membership in the Daylight Savings club of Barre.

They were talking of steam whistles and the conversation drifted into channels wherein all members of the little circle could use their oars effectively. Said Prof. Peavine, "Whistles on Barre hill may be heard as far east as Cookville, Goose Green and Bradford. We farmers in Topsnam, East Orange and Corinth set our watches by the big noise maker in the quarry yard of Wetmore & Morse. On clear days and with the winds favorable, the shrill notes of several quarry whistles are plainly audible."

"In my opinion, the Barre fire whistle sounds louder on Cobble hill than down here in the flats." It was the member from Cobble hill who had the floor. "Oftentimes in the midnight watches," he went on, "my family has been awakened by the piercing staccato of the whistle at the gas plant. My wife usually gets the alarm box before I awaken and is ready to tell me where the fire is located before I have done dreaming of the Babcock test and the agricultural institute to be given by our orange next week." The C. H. representative paused momentarily to stroke an uncommonly fine growth of alfalfa which protruded from his lower jaw. And then he resumed: "Your fire whistle furnishes a thrill which we don't experience when the quarry whistles blow, although the noise from Millstone hill in the morning, at noon, and again at 4:30 o'clock is deafening at times."

Next witness in the case against the whistle! A man of parts who aspires to some reputation as a fisherman took the stand. He deposed to the effect that any number of whistles here in the city may be heard of a summer's day on the placid waters of Niggerhead pond in Marshfield. In a week at camp on Niggerhead, there were four days when the whistles of Barre and Barre Town hung their echoes over the little lake. On a day when fog had its way and not even the black flies of July were to be seen before felt, the whistle chorus was negligible. On another day, only the dull monotony of popping corks was to be heard. It was a Sabbath Sunday in the same month of June.

Upon the peddler of teas, extracts and those premiums which are dangled so enticingly before customers of the metropolitan as well as the rural areas devolved the duty of outwitting all other whistle testimony. It was his story that conferred upon Barre whistles in general and upon no whistle in particular the long-distance carrying honor of all Vermont. Without so much as a quiver in a countenance bronzed by countless trips over the tea route, he told of hearing Barre business announcements as he emerged from the dining hall of the New Hardwick hotel in Hardwick on a balmy afternoon in May. Screen doors were the vogue, although the vast army of flies was not to be mobilized until July, and the clear tones of two steam whistles were to be heard above the noise of the village street. Absent near a fortnight in the peaceful pursuit of tea customers, he had not glimpsed the spires of his

## The Danger of Money

Money is dangerous in its spending. A lot of money and no character has ruined many a man. To worship money makes a miser. To be ignorant of its importance is to be a gambler or a spendthrift. To have common sense about money is what is meant by thrift. Money plus wrong character has ruined many. THRIFT NEVER HURT ANYBODY. It has saved many.

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home town for so long that the whistles caused a yearning which was to be overcome only by a hasty trip back to Barre.

Business of awarding to the retailer of Oolong, Mochas, baking powder and handsome parlor lamps the big red apple offered by the promoter of the whistle case.

"The Rushing of Mighty Waters in Newbury."

"The water in Mrs. John Minshall's kitchen got on a rampage last Monday morning when the mercury dropped down to 35 below and before Mrs. Minshall could get her spouse into working order to shut the 'arnal thing' off there was about two inches of water on the floor, and before he could get back from a half-mile trip for help, the children were floating about on chairs and tables, but before anything serious happened, such as loss of life, etc., the water reached the fire in the cook stove and instantly the whole scene changed into a skating rink, which was enjoyed by the young minshulls. So much for our water system."—Newbury correspondence.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## How a Small Town Collects Taxes.

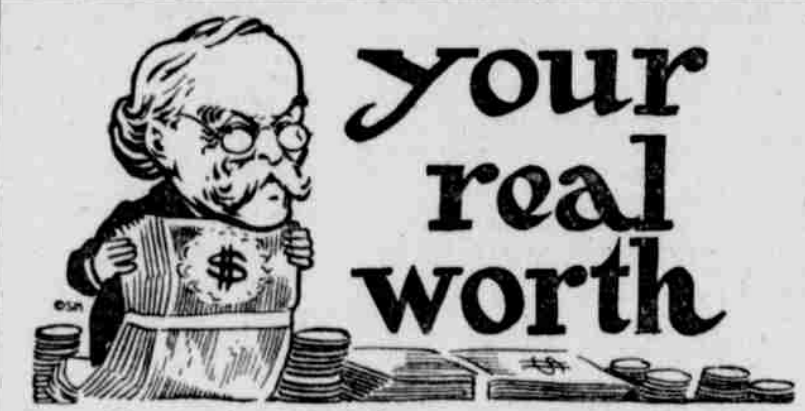
Editor, Barre Times: In the town of Washington, where the taxes average about \$9,000 each year, there has not been an uncollected tax carried over on the collector's receipt in the past 25 years. The past year there was only \$18 of abated and corrected taxes to allow on the collector's receipt. It is done by putting the collection of taxes up at auction and done by the lowest bidder, if he be elected, and to be collected and paid to the treasurer on or before the first day of February each year. It has been done as low as \$10 and never cost over \$90. Also usually furs over the election of constable until after the collector is elected and then elect the collector to the office of constable.

John F. Calef, town treasurer.

## WEBSTERVILLE

St. John the Baptist Episcopal church—Ash Wednesday services: Evening prayer and address at 3 o'clock.

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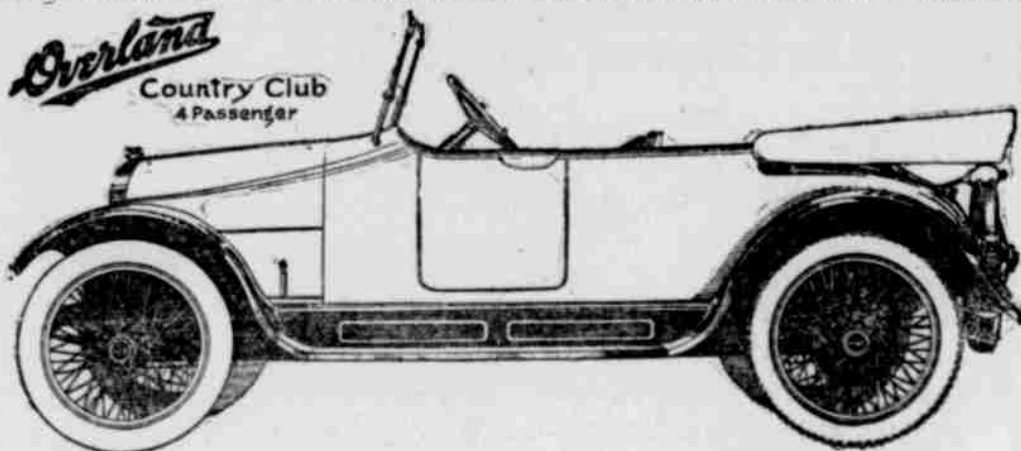
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